

CIQA Monthly Meeting Richfield, Southwest Region  
October 24, 2007

Our monthly CIQA meeting was held at Central Utah Counseling Center (CUCC) at 1PM on Wednesday October 24. In attendance: Caron Wither, New Horizons Crisis Center; Mary Lee Harrison, Retired Community Partner/ CIQA Chairperson; Arleen Cromwell PhD, CUCC Director Richfield; Susan Munk, Family Support Center Manager/Workforce Services; Tammy Powell, DJJS; Glenda Klein, Retired Community Partner; Pamela Allred, DCFS Supervisor Richfield; Leanne Geigle, CUCC; Bruce Zylks, DCFS Community Services Administrator and Karen Anderson, DCFS Administrative Assistant.  
Excused: Gail Albrecht, Sevier School District; Don & Coylene Brinkerhoff, Richfield foster parents; Josephine Griffith, Community Partner; Virgil Sickels, DCFS DV Program Administrator Piute County.

**Agenda Items:**

Shelter Foster Homes  
CJC  
May QCR  
Adam Walsh/Kinship  
Drug Court  
Community Youth Council  
Two New Youth Treatment Centers  
Letter to State QIC/difficulties  
Therapeutic Foster Homes

**Handouts:**

Shelter Care Provider Agreement  
September CIQA Minutes  
Sample Recruitment Letter  
QIC Summit SLC Nov 28th

**Shelter Foster Homes:** The Richfield and Manti DCFS supervisors are currently working on recruitment of current or new foster homes in their areas to become Shelter Homes for our foster children. At times it is hard to find close to home placements for teenage youth that come into care. DCFS would like to give foster parents the opportunity to have a teenage youth in their home as a shelter child and if all goes well possibly keep that child once the shelter time is up. The Shelter Care Provider Agreement was reviewed as a handout.

**CJC:** Bruce has done some follow up on the status of the CJC for Richfield. Currently the County Commissioners are consumed with the Power Plant that could be coming to Sevier County. In the past the Commissioners have not been accepting of a CJC in the area; we will put the CJC on the back burner for now and approach the Commissioners again at a later time.

**May QCR:** Southwest Region will have another QCR in May 2008. Training was discussed for shadow reviewers and several want to attend the training. Karen will look into having someone come down in January 2008 to train. Thursday would be the best day for everyone.

**Adam Walsh/Kinship:** A Federal/National bill went into effect this year. In theory the bill is perfect but in reality its far reaching affects has created many concerns. DCFS is now required to do several background checks on potential kin/relative before a child that has come into care can be placed with the kin/relative. Bruce gave an example of a removal both pre Adam Walsh and post Adam Walsh. Utah Legislators are working on some possible change that would benefit the children being affected.

**Drug Court:** Arleen reported on the status of The Sevier County Drug Court, it is going well.

**Community Youth Council:** A luncheon was held with attendance of community partners and school representatives from both Sevier and Piute Counties to discuss the start up of a Community Youth Council in Piute County. Arlene is also hoping to start a Youth Council in Wayne County. A monthly meeting for Piute County will be held at the Junction Courthouse; the first Meeting will be on November 5<sup>th</sup>. A Luncheon will be held at the Sunglow Café in Bicknell on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12 to discuss a Community Youth Council for the Wayne County area. Susan Munk volunteered to do some outreach for this in Piute County.

**Two New Youth Treatment Centers:** There are two new Treatment Centers that will be opening in Ephraim soon. They will have an LCSW on staff in a Clinical setting. The Centers will house both male and female ages 5-12 and 13-18. Bruce will let the Committee know when they open.

**Letter to State QIC/difficulties:** Committee members have shared some concerns regarding foster parent training. Some potential foster parents felt that the qualifications to become a foster parent were too much to ask and improvements on their home would cost too much money. It was decided that the above would be brought up at the CIQ Summit in SLC.

**Therapeutic Foster Homes:** The Committee discussed the possible need for a therapeutic foster home, especially with the way the trend is going on removal of children with more severe behavioral problems. Arleen is willing to work with DCFS and foster parents on this.

**Invite to Second Annual Quality Improvement Summit:**

Dear Community Member,

Please join us at the second annual Quality Improvement Summit. The purpose of this Summit is to bring the Quality Improvement Committee Members as well as other concerned citizens and community members together to review the progress and needs of the child welfare system in Utah.

**Second Annual Quality Improvement Summit Luncheon**

Date: November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Radisson Hotel, 215 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City.

Your attendance and participation will be very much appreciated. The community's perspectives and recommendations are vital for progress and improvement. The Division of Child and Family Services will reimburse you for any mileage and hotel expenses incurred.

**Please R.S.V.P. to Brooke Stein, Executive Secretary  
801-538-4491 or bsstein@utah.gov**

November 28th CIQ Summit will be in SLC instead of our regular scheduled meeting.

December 19th CIQA meeting will be at CUCC at 12:30, lunch will be provided.